

# Ecosystem Management and the Future Era (1993-2005)

This era is marked by the accountability of the agency to the public by becoming a customer driven organization and managing the resources and services to meet public needs and wants.

**CURRENT ACRES IN FOREST SYSTEM LANDS**  
**192,046,672**

1994 - Forrest Gump won the Academy Award for Best Picture – Tom Hanks won the award for Best Actor.

## RECREATION FEE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

This program collects revenues used to maintain and improve recreation facilities, enhancing visitor services and wildlife habitat on national forest lands. The Forest Service returns 95 percent of the receipts to the site or project where the fees were collected.



Employees  
**30,676**  
1995

Employees  
**30,347**  
1996

## 1996 – FEBRUARY 10 – ILLINOIS LAND CONSERVATION ACT

establishes Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie – the nation's first federally-designated tallgrass prairie.

The legislation which created Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie designated the transfer of a 19,165 acre parcel of land in Illinois from the U. S. Army to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.



Employees  
**28,170**  
1998

## COLORADO OPPOSES ROADLESS INITIATIVE

State joins two others in fighting Clinton plan

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Thursday, April 05, 2001 - Colorado has joined two other states trying to overturn former President Clinton's roadless initiative, which would bar most logging, mining and energy exploration on 4.3 million acres of Colorado national forest land, the state's top natural resources officer said.

The state has asked a federal judge in Boise to grant Idaho's request for an injunction blocking the Roadless Area Conservation Initiative. And Greg Walcher, director of Colorado's Department of Natural Resources, said the state is considering filing suit itself. Alaska already has filed.

Colorado Governor Bill Owens said the Forest Service failed to follow established guidelines during its review of the roadless rules' potential impact, and denied Colorado meaningful input during the process - a claim that drew the harshest criticism from conservation groups.

Steve Smith from the Sierra Club said Forest Service documents show that more than 27,000 Colorado residents commented on the plan, with supporters outnumbering opponents by a 12-1 ratio.

During the rules' three years of development, the Forest Service held 600 public meetings, 27 in Colorado, and fielded 1.6 million comments, the most ever submitted on a rulemaking.

## THE MILLENNIUM HOLIDAY TREE - 2000

Pike National Forest  
Pikes Peak Ranger District  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

The tree began its journey from Colorado's Pike National Forest to Washington, D.C., in mid-November. The 65-foot Colorado blue spruce was selected in the summer of 2000 from twenty candidate trees by Architect of the Capitol Senior Landscape Architect Matthew Evans with the assistance of the U.S. Forest Service and local volunteers. It was driven across the country on a 64-foot flatbed truck by Colorado Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell. The truck was decorated to look like a Conestoga wagon and made several stops along the way.

Since 1970 the U.S. Capitol Holiday Tree has come from national and state forests across the nation.



In fiscal year 2001, Congress funded the National Fire Plan (NFP), including an increase of \$1.1 billion for the Forest Service. The plan is designed to:

- Ensure sufficient firefighting resources for the future.
- Rehabilitate fire-damaged ecosystems and protect communities.
- Reduce fuels in forests at risk from uncharacteristic fire effects of large fires, especially near communities.
- Work with local residents to reduce fire risk and improve fire protection.

**U.S. Population - 2000 - 281.4 million**

George W. Bush



Presidents of the United States

William J. Clinton



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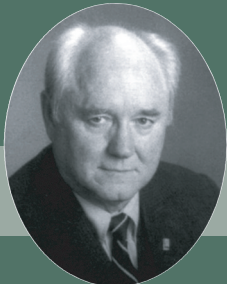
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2005



Jack Ward Thomas

**Jack Ward Thomas**, the Forest Service's 13th chief, was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on September 7, 1934. Thomas received a B.S. degree in wildlife management from Texas A&M University in 1957, then his M.S. in wildlife ecology from West Virginia University in 1969, and a Ph.D. in forestry (natural resources planning) from the University of Massachusetts in 1972.

Jack began his long career as a wildlife researcher with the Texas Game and Fish Commission in 1957, moving in 1966 to join the Forest Service in Morgantown, WV, as a research wildlife biologist, then in 1969 to the Urban Forestry and Wildlife Research Unit at Amhurst, MA.

Amid controversy about how new chiefs should be appointed, Thomas was given the job on December 1, 1993, as a political appointee, the first since Pinchot and Graves, with the assurance that he would be converted to a career appointment through the Senior Executive Service (through which chiefs Peterson and Robertson were appointed). Thomas moved quickly to address a demoralized agency, with the public in opposition to practically anything that the Forest Service proposed to do.

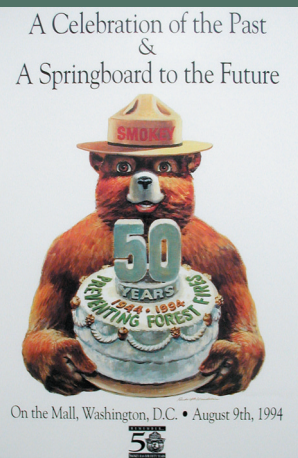


## VOLUNTEERS IN THE NATIONAL FOREST

Volunteers contribute work valued at over 35 million dollars. Volunteers often serve as hosts to oversee the daily operation of the many Forest Service recreational facilities.

## THE SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP)

The program has about 5,500 low-income persons, 55 or older, participating in national forest and other Forest Service projects.



## 1993

Spotted owls, old growth and communities.

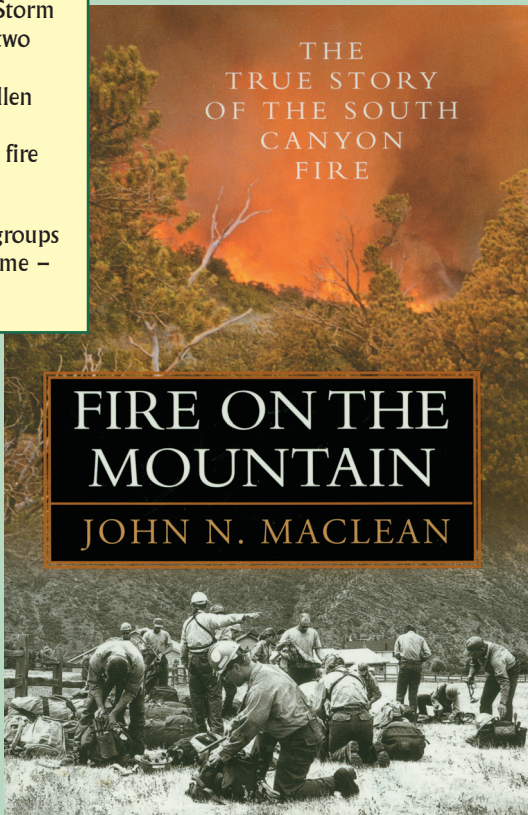
President Clinton calls a Forest Conference in Portland, Oregon. He gives the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Fish and Wildlife Service 60 days to solve a twenty-year management problem dealing with timber and wildlife habitat. The federal scientists and managers, also known as the Forest Ecosystem Management Assessment Team (FEMAT) produced a plan in 90 days.

## SOUTH CANYON FIRE ON STORM KING MOUNTAIN – JULY 6, 1994

In the days immediately following the Storm King Mountain Fire that took 14 lives, two memorial services were held – one in Prineville, Oregon where nine of the fallen firefighters were stationed and one in Glenwood Springs, Colorado where the fire occurred.

Two different towns and two different groups of people – but the message was the same – we'll never forget.

1995 - Grateful Dead front-man Jerry Garcia dies.



1995 - Blue M&Ms were introduced.

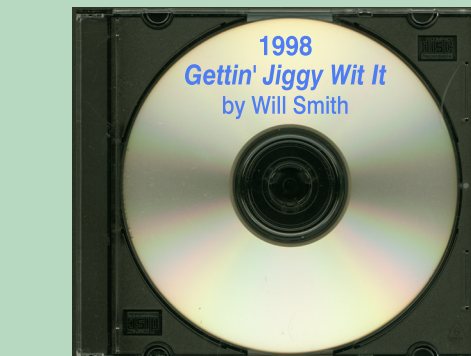


Michael P. Dombeck

**Michael P. Dombeck** became the 14th chief of the Forest Service on January 6, 1997. He was born on September 21, 1948, in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Dombeck worked as a fishing guide in the region for 11 summers from 1966 to 1977. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in biological sciences and education from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and the University of Minnesota. He earned his doctorate in fisheries biology from Iowa State University and is noted for research contributions on muskies and lake habitat management.

In 1993, he became the Acting/Deputy Assistant Secretary for the USDI Land and Minerals Management Service. He also served in 1993-1994 as the chief of staff to Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of Interior. Dombeck was named Acting Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in February 1994.

As new chief of the Forest Service in 1997, his primary emphasis for management was to repair relations with external organizations. In doing so, he introduced a new phrase into the Forest Service lexicon: collaborative stewardship.



1998 - Legendary crooner Frank Sinatra dies of a heart attack at age 82.

1998 - The on-line bookseller Amazon.com becomes the world's largest book retailer as measured by market capitalization.



## FOREST SERVICE AND NATIONAL MONUMENTS

Many of the national monuments resemble their close cousins—the national parks—but differ in that monuments are established by the president while parks are established by Congress. The national monuments also differ from their other cousins—the national forests—that are managed for multiple uses.

Forest Service managed monuments are:

Newberry Crater National Volcanic Monument  
Misty Fjords National Monument  
Admiralty Island National Monument  
Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountain National Monument  
Mount St. Helen's National Volcanic Monument  
Giant Sequoia National Monument  
Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument

## THE FIRES OF 2000

The fire season of 2000 started early and ended late. Over 4.8 million acres of land burned and fire suppression cost over \$1.6 billion. The Cerro Grande Fire in New Mexico caused a national furor about prescribed burning and later in the season nearly twenty-five percent of the Bitterroot National Forest in Montana had burned. Assistance came from Canada, Mexico, Australia and New Zealand.



Today National Forest Systems lands are located in 44 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The only states without National Forest System lands are Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware and Iowa.

Dale N. Bosworth

**Dale N. Bosworth** became the 15th chief of the Forest Service on April 12, 2001.

Bosworth was born in Altadena, California, and holds a B.S. degree in forestry from the University of Idaho. Bosworth began his career in the Northern Region as a forester on the St. Joe National Forest (now a part of the Idaho Panhandle National Forest) in Idaho, and later served on the Kanisksu, Colville, and Lolo National Forests. He was later promoted to district ranger on the Clearwater National Forest. Bosworth next moved to the Flathead National Forest and then to the regional office in Missoula.

In 1986, Bosworth was named forest supervisor of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah in the Intermountain Region. From there, in 1990, he became deputy director of forest management in the Forest Service national headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he served until 1992, when he became deputy regional forester for the Pacific Southwest Region.

From that position, Bosworth was promoted to regional forester for the Intermountain Region in 1994.

## SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Terrorist attack on World Trade Center and Pentagon.



Division Chief Hayden points out several significant areas at the site to Chief Bosworth and Director of Fire and Aviation, Jerry Williams.



Since 1994, the Fiddlin' Foresters have traveled throughout the country providing entertaining interpretive programs about conservation, public lands and natural resources. The Rocky Mountain Region employees use authentic old-time and cowboy music to provide education, inspiration and entertainment. At the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, the Fiddlin' Foresters performed a dozen programs for thousands of the owners of public land.

## 2002 OLYMPICS – SALT LAKE CITY

The USDA Forest Service is proud to be a 2002 Olympic Environmental Champion.

The Forest Service has worked closely with the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC) to help protect and enhance the environment while preparing for and staging the 2002 Olympic Winter and Paralympic Games.

The Forest Service is proud of its rich history in supporting the Olympic Movement, which recognizes the urgent need for people to preserve and respect the environment in which they live. Both the Olympic Movement and the Forest Service believe that competitive sport is not simply a means of developing a healthy body and providing entertainment, but also of educating. The Forest Service hopes its efforts in supporting the Olympic Movement will encourage excellence in sports in a healthy and sustainable environment.



## FOREST SERVICE AND NIFC SUPPORT RECOVERY EFFORTS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, D.C. • SEPTEMBER 18, 2001

### WORLD TRADE CENTER UPDATE

Van Bateman's Type I Management Team (Southwest Area) is assigned. The Incident Command Post (ICP) is located in the Jacob Javits Convention Center Downtown, a short distance from the WTC, and is fully operational.

- The team is operating a Mobilization, Receiving and Distribution center in a warehouse adjacent to the convention center and supporting the Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) and USAR (Urban Search and Rescue) operations.
- The GIS team is focusing on providing detailed maps for search and rescue efforts.
- Laundry, shower and catering services are servicing 700 people daily. Caterers expect to serve approximately 7,500 people a day.

Joe Stutler's Type I Incident Management Team (Northwest Area) is assigned. The team is split into three task forces: Warehouse, Sheraton ICP, and Operation Barge.

- The warehouse task force is managing the 24-hour Receiving and Distribution Center in Edison that is supporting the WTC rescue and recovery operations.
- Operation Barge task force is developing a strategic/transportation plan for the long-term offsite logistics operations in support of the WTC incident.
- The third task force is assigned to the Sheraton Hotel ICP. They are providing incident information and ensuring that operations are within the fiscal guidelines set by governing agencies.

### PENTAGON UPDATE

Steve Gage's Type I Incident Management Team (California Team 3) Support Team is assigned. They continue to support New Mexico Task Force I recovery operations, Arlington County Fire and Rescue incident command, Military District Washington Engineer Corp collapse rescue team, as well as working side by side with the FBI and other law enforcement agencies.

- Column shoring is essentially completed and personnel are working the debris pile, removing it from the impact area.
- USAR task force personnel are working in support of NTSB, EPA, and the Department of Defense.
- The team is taking inventory and restocking the cache supply.

